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FOLLOWING REPEAT TELEGRAM SENT ACTION ANKARA AND MANILA ON
22 APR 76. QUOTE.

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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO USC MR JOSEPH HART

REF: (A) ANKARA 2951, (B) NICOSIA 0196

1. IN VIEW OF (HESITANT) GOT FONO OFF ASSURANCES PARA 2 REF A
LOCAL EMBASSY EMPLOYEE QUERIED TURKISH CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES
REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF TRANSPORTATING HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS
OF MR AND MRS JOSEPH HART ACROSS CHECKPOINT FROM GOC
AREA INTO TURKISH AREA. TURKISH CYPRIOT OFFICIAL GAVE
APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE FOR TRANSFER. HE INDICATED THAT
FORMAL APPLICATION SHOULD BE MADE AT LEAST ONE WEEK IN
ADVANCE OF REQUESTED TRANSFER DATE, GIVING DESCRIPTION
OF EFFECTS TO BE ADMITTED TO TURKISH CONTROLLED AREA.
MAINLAND TURKISH MILITARY AUTHORITIES MUST CONCUR ON
TRANSFER BUT TURKISH CYPRIOT OFFICIAL DID NOT ANTICIPATE
DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING THEIR PERMISSION.

2. EMBASSY HAS HAD NO RECENT COMMUNICATION FROM HARTS
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CONCERNING HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS. WHEN APPROACHED BY EMBASSY

IN JANUARY, TURKISH CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES HAD INDICATED
WILLINGNESS TO BE FLEXIBLE ON QUESTION OF TRANSFER
HARTS' BELONGINGS ACROSS CHECKPOINT BUT INSISTED ON
SPECIFIC APPLICATION IN ADVANCE.

3. EMBASSY WILL OFFER ASSISTANCE WITH TURKISH CYPRIOT
AUTHORITIES AND COORDINATE AS APPROPRIATE. EMBASSY
WOULD APPRECIATE FULL BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON HARTS'
PLANS TO TAKE UP RESIDENCE IN CYPRUS. WHAT IS ETA FOR
THEIR RETURN? TRANSFER OF EFFECTS WILL PROBABLY BE
COMPLEX AFFAIR REQUIRING MANY DECISIONS OF PERSONAL
BUSINESS NATURE WHICH SHOULD BE TAKEN BY MEMBER OF HART
FAMILY DIRECTLY OR BY DULY APPOINTED AGENTS ON BOTH SIDES
OF CEASEFIRE LINE. BOTH GOC AND TURKISH CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES
MAY SEEK TO IMPOSE CUSTOMS DUTIES ON HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS AND
CAR. DOES MRS HART INTEND SEPARATE TRIP PRIOR HUSBAND'S
RETIREMENT TO HANDLE BUSINESS CONNECTED WITH KYRENIA
PROPERTY? HAVE HARTS NAMED AGENTS TO HANDLE ACTUAL
TRANSPORTATION AND LOADING/UNLOADING OF EFFECTS?

4. WE CONSIDER IT PRUDENT TO ADVISE MR AND MRS HART
TO CAREFULLY CONSIDER UNCERTAIN POLITICAL SITUATION ON
CYPRUS IN THEIR OVERALL DECISION TO TAKE UP EARLY RESIDENCE
IN KYRENIA. AS NOTED IN REF B, CONDITIONS OF ACCESS TO
GOC AND TURKISH CONTROLLED AREAS BY FOREIGNERS VIA CHECK-
POINT ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. RESTRICTIONS
DESCRIBED IN REF B REMAIN VALID.

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